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SUBJECT: SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY NEAR AM CON GEN AMSTERDAM ON
07/15/03

¶1.   (SBU) At approximately 1555 hrs on 07/15/2003 The Royal
Marechaussee (KMAR) Anti Terror Unit, deployed inside the
fence line at the consulate, noted a suspicious individual
on the Museumplein (public park area)just beyond the second
fence line who appeared to be paying particular attention to
their activity inside the grounds. The subject was carrying
what has been described as a "jerry can". The subject walked
around the immediate area and then approached the outer
fence line not far from the Amsterdam Police fixed post, set
down his container and walked away.

¶2.   (SBU) The KMAR unsuccessfully attempted to notify the
Amsterdam Police Post outside. The Police have
responsibility for activity outside the fence line. The
KMAR made radio contact with the adjoining Amsterdam Police
mobile unit but by the time response elements arrived the
subject had left the area and was not located. The
responding units found that the container bore the marking
sulfuric acid/battery acid. The area surrounding the
container was roped off and the fire department responded
and declared the contents to be a 51% solution of battery
acid. The fire department tested the solution, however, the
can was left for another city department to collect.

¶3.   (SBU) The subject is described as a white male,
probably Dutch, wearing a yellow tee shirt. He was
variously described as middle aged or elderly. No further
description.

¶4.   (SBU) The police established a clear zone around the
jerry can but took no steps to clear the park or evacuate
the Consulate. Since there was no apparent threat or
political motivation the authorities are not taking this as
a threat to the consulate or an attempt to injure any person
or property.

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